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United Jewish Appeal Agencies Sign Contract

NEW YORK (NJP)—The three participants in the United Jewish Appeal, the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Service for New Americans, have signed an agreement dividing funds raised in 1952.

The new agreement, which is exactly the same as that obtaining in 1951, will divide the first \$55,000,000 raised by the UJA, 67 per cent to the UPA and 33 per cent to the JDC.

All funds raised over that figure will be divided 87.5 per cent to the UPA and 12.5 to the JDC.

Grants to USNA and the New York New Americans service will be determined, as in the past two years, by a committee of five, (two named by JDC, two by UPA with Judge Simon H. Rifkind to be invited to serve as chairman) on the basis of an examination of policies, program and budgetary needs. The two agencies have projected budgets totalling \$4,068,200 in 1952.

Agency Stands Firm Against ZOA Drive

By Z'EV KRONISH

(Chief NJPost New York Bureau)

NEW YORK (NJP)—The Zionist Organization of America, now negotiating with the Jewish Agency for a subsidy for its projects in Israel, will have to abandon the campaign authorized at the recent meeting of its National Administrative Council to qualify for an allocation from the agency.

A Jewish Agency spokesman told The Post this week that the ZOA cannot expect both an allocation for its Israel projects and authorization to conduct a campaign in this country for money or "material in kind" for these projects.

MUST GET ACTION COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL

He added that in all events the ZOA, if it wants permission to conduct a campaign in this country for its projects in the Jewish State, will have to comply with a decision of the World Zionist Congress authorizing only its Actions Committee the power to grant Zionist groups permission to launch new campaigns. The Actions Committee will meet in March in Jerusalem.

Meanwhile the Jewish Agency reaffirmed its strong opposition to special food-for-Israel drives, terming them unnecessary and wasteful.

The Agency's Committee on Control and Authorization of Campaigns again urged American Jews to support fully the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond drive as the best method for alleviating permanently Israel food shortages.

MINISTER JOSEPH DISAPPROVES

Dov Joseph, Israel's Minister of Commerce and Industry, has cabled to the Jewish Agency his strong opposition to public food campaigns, the agency spokesman revealed.

A Z.O.A. official revealed to The Post that the organization was negotiating with the Jewish Agency for \$200,000 to \$300,000 for its projects in Israel.

Meanwhile, the Z.O.A. announced that the Executive Committee will meet in N. Y. Jan. 27 and that the National Administrative Council will meet in Philadelphia on Feb. 23 and 24. The NAC will start planning for the annual convention in June or early July.

Bond Managers To Meet With AFDCI Governors

NEW YORK (NJP) — Local managers for the Israel Bond drive from various parts of the country last week left their jobs and came here to negotiate directly with national officials of the American Financial Development Corporation for Israel (AFDCI) for recognition of their

unaffiliated union and improvement of working conditions.

Talks between the managers and the Board of Governors of AFDCI are expected to take place today (Jan. 11). The managers are represented by a ten-man committee. Most of the managers returned to their localities after being assured their grievances would be considered.

This city is the only area un-

Permission To Use Corpses Of Jews For Dissection Seen

JERUSALEM—The use by Jewish medical students of corpses for dissection and study, may be allowed shortly by the rabbinate, it was reported in The Jerusalem Post here.

A plan to be submitted for approval of the Knesset is being drawn up by the Ministry of Health in conjunction with the Chief Rabbinate.

It is understood that the rabbinate does not object to use of corpses for study if the persons had given their consent before death, The Post said.

The possibility also is being studied of allowing immediate next-of-kin to give this authorization and to permit use of unclaimed bodies of unidentified persons.

BEN-GURION CALLS MONTOR, SCHWARTZ FOR MEET ON BOND-UJA CONFLICTS

BULLETIN

NEW YORK (NJP)—Announcement of the projected visit of 150 American Jewish industrialists to Israel under the auspices of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, has raised new speculation here over competition between the AFDCI, sponsors of the sale of Israel bonds and the United Jewish Appeal.

The date set for the trip is April, when many of the local drives from which the UJA receives its support will be at their height.

It was pointed out that taking 150 Jewish leaders away from their local communities cannot but affect seriously local fund-raising.

By Z'EV KRONISH

(Chief NJPost New York Bureau)

NEW YORK (NJP)—Israel bond director Henry Montor and United Jewish Appeal administrator Joseph Schwartz quietly left for Israel to confer with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion on ways of ironing out inter-organizational disputes.

The top-level meeting is taking place at Ben-Gurion's insistence. When the conference was first proposed, Schwartz was reported to have opposed it on the ground that it wouldn't solve the rivalry between the bond and UJA drives. He finally acceded to the Prime Minister's request, taking along one of his ablest lieutenants, New York UJA director Herman Bernstein.

DATES OF DRIVES CONFLICT

UJA officials have frequently complained that the American Financial Development Corporation for Israel is timing intensive bond campaigns in conflict with UJA schedules. They also have charged the bond organization with:

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1) adopting appeals and slogans similar to those used by UJA;

2) alluring personnel already pledged to UJA.

UJA leaders also have expressed strong dissatisfaction with the policy of allowing persons to use their bonds as payment on UJA pledges.

The coordination committee set up several months ago to eliminate this friction is reported to have made little headway. Montor, UJA leaders privately complain, has not shown willingness to abide by its rulings. The committee consists of bond, UJA, Jewish Agency and Israel representatives.

Schwartz is reported to believe that the differences between the two major financial efforts to Israel can be settled only if Montor agrees to submit all disputes to arbitration by a "third party" whose decisions will be binding.

SONNEBORN DIFFERS WITH SCHWARTZ

Meanwhile, Rudolph G. Sonneborn, who is president of the AFDCI and at the same time a national chairman of the UJA, told The Post that he did not see the need to replace the coordination committee with a single arbitrator, as Schwartz is said to advocate.

The friction between the two drives is found principally in New York City, Sonneborn related, adding that in smaller communities both campaigns are conducted by the same individuals. He described the object of the Ben-Gurion-Montor-Schwartz meeting to be a clarification of the bond and philanthropic aspects of the four-point aid program adopted over a year ago, which also included private investments and grant-in-aid.

Commenting on reports that Schwartz might recommend Abba Eban, Israel's ambassador to the U.S. and the U.N., as arbitrator, Sonneborn remarked that it would be "manifestly unfair" to burden the envoy with such a task.

MIAMI BEACH CONFLICT LED TO TRIP—REPORT

JERUSALEM (NJP)—A conflict in solicitation for the United Jewish Appeal and for sale of Israel bonds in Miami Beach is responsible for the hurried visit of the heads of the UJA and the AFDCI to Israel, Jesse Zel Lurie, reports in The Jerusalem Post here, from New York.

Lurie wrote that the UJA had scheduled its traditional national big gifts meeting in Miami Beach for Jan. 23 and that the AFDCI, sponsors of the sale of Israel Bonds, was planning a series of private meetings at the leading hotels there at the same time.

The following day, the same newspaper quoted Henry Montor, on his arrival at Lydda Airport, for the meeting with Prime Min-

ister Ben-Gurion and Joseph Schwartz of the UJA as denying any reports of differences between the two organizations.

Montor, who was driven from the airport to Jerusalem by Golda Myerson Minister of Labor, said he came to Israel to continue talks with Schwartz began during his previous visit to Israel recently.



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MONTOR

Separate Drive Violates Agreement

Jewish Agency Aids Settlements Refusing To Grow Crops This Year

JERUSALEM (NJP)—Orthodox colonies in Israel which have refused to grow crops during 5712, a shemita year, are receiving aid "through regular Jewish Agency channels," an Agency official said last week.

He said the special shemita appeal in support of these colonies conducted by the Agudat Harabanim, an American Orthodox rabbinical organization, was therefore unnecessary.

He also said that the special appeal was in violation of a previous agreement with the United Jewish Appeal.

The twelve settlements which are letting their land lie idle during this Sabbatical year, are affiliated with the Agudath Israel movement, the extreme Orthodox wing of Zionism.

These twelve settlements had refused to accept a

dispensation of the Israeli rabbinate allowing the land to be worked. (NJP, Nov. 30, 1951)

Maintaining that the rabbis are without authority to grant dispensations from the Biblical laws of shemita, they said they do "not go to the rabbis to be told how to avoid observing the law; we go to ask how to observe it and follow the instructions given us."

Most of the other religious settlements in Israel are proceeding on the basis of the dispensation (heter) of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Spector, issued in 1888, which provided for nominal sale of the land to a non-Jew and employment of non-Jewish labor to till it during every seventh year, the Sabbatical year.

The Agudists contend that this is no true heter and that the laws of shemita are still binding.

Since these settlements are not growing their own food, they have to depend on other sources for food not grown on Israeli soil or grown in Israel, but not by Jews.

The Israeli Ministry of Rations is providing for the colonists as well as for some 10,000 city dwellers who will not eat from Israeli-Jewish-grown crops during this year. The Ministry has set up special shops where foods grown by Arabs may be purchased.

Kibbutz Chafetz Chaim, one of the settlements affiliated with the Agudah movement, has been experimenting in hydroponics, the science of growing food without soil. It is hoped to provide food which could be eaten during the shemita year and relieve the added drain to the existing food supply.

Most 1951 Immigrants To Israel From Iraq

JERUSALEM (ISI)—The majority of immigrants to Israel in 1951, nearly 90,000, came from Iraq.

Altogether, about 174,000 immigrants entered Israel during 1951 as compared with 169,000 the previous year.

The number of persons in camps at the end of 1951 was 22,000 as compared with 33,000 at the beginning of the year. The number of families in Maabarot, however, rose from 12,000 last January to about 46,000.

The total immigration since

'Honor Tribunal' Helps Improve Fund Results

BUENOS AIRES (WNS)—The practice of placing before an "honor tribunal" those who either failed to pay their pledges to the United Jewish campaign or refused to make contributions, apparently was successful last year.

Dr. Israel Yagupsky, co-chairman of the 1951 drive here, disclosed that Argentine Jews contributed ten percent more than in 1950.

the establishment of the State in May, 1948, is 684,000.

Emigration Of Jews From Libya Nears End

JERUSALEM—Only 900 Jews remain to be brought to Israel from Libya, it was reported last week in The Jerusalem Post.

According to The Post, a Jewish Agency spokesman said that in the past three and a half years, 30,480 Jews have emigrated from Lybia.

With the recent establishment of Libya as an independent state, whereupon that country joined the Arab League, it had been feared the doors to Jewish emigration would be immediately shut.

Food Seized, Agents Arrested

Israel Food Parcel Firm Closed; Suspected Of Black Marketeering

JERUSALEM—The Wagshall Export-Import Company, a food parcel company, has been closed by the government on suspicion of black market operations, according to The Jerusalem Post.

Over a hundred tons of food items have been seized in Jerusalem, and two agents of the company have been arrested, The Post reported.

The company, which imported food in bulk and packed various types of parcels against foreign currency gift certificates sent from abroad, had outlets in va-

rious parts of Israel, as well as branches in Paris, Zurich, Brussels, Antwerp and New York.

The Jerusalem Post said that investigation of the company revealed that parcels were delivered to local residents who had to pay for them in Israel currency at black market dollar rates.

Annual Hebrew Exam Scheduled Soon

NEW YORK—The annual Jerusalem Hebrew Examination will be held March 30, 1952, in various parts of the U. S. and Canada, it was announced this week.

Open to Jew and non-Jew, the purpose of the examination is to stimulate and encourage the study of Hebrew and to establish uniform standards of achievement.

Those interested in taking the examination should communicate immediately with the American Association for Jewish Education, 1776 Broadway, N. Y. 19, N.Y. Sample copies of last year's examination are available upon request.

Deadline for applications is March 15.

Publish Author's Fourth Book On Jewish Humor

NEW YORK—Bookman Associates, publishers, announce publication of a new volume of stories by Dr. S. Felix Mendelsohn, Senior Rabbi at Temple Beth Israel, Chicago.

"The Merry Heart" is Rabbi Mendelsohn's fourth volume on the subject of Jewish humor and folklore.

He is a recognized authority on the subject, on which he has delivered lecture before audiences in many cities.

"The Merry Heart" contains 425 stories, many of them dealing with the Chassidic movement. One full chapter is devoted to the Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Chassidism.

The volume also has a representative number of rarely known longer folktales.

GERALD TURNOYS HAVE SON

A son, David Abraham, was born Dec. 31 to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Turnoy of Susanville, Calif. Mr. Turnoy has been connected with The National Jewish Post as one of its correspondents.

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Brodetsky Expected To Resign

Goldstein, Silver Mentioned
For Hebrew U. Presidency

JERUSALEM (NJP)—The names of Dr. Israel Goldstein and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as possible candidates to succeed Professor Selig Brodetsky as president of the Hebrew University, were repeated this week, as the issue over which Brodetsky has refused to return to his post approached a crisis.

The Board of Governors of the University will meet Monday, Jan. 14, to discuss the "ultimatum" it received recently from Brodetsky, The Jewish Chronicle of London reported.

A third candidate, considered by Israeli circles most likely to succeed Brodetsky, is Pinhas Rosen, former Minister of Justice.

Brodetsky had written to the Board from England, prior to the current term, that he would not return to his post before it met to consider his proposals for administrative reorganization of the University. (NJP, Nov. 23, 1951).

Elected president for a five year term in Jan. 1949, Brodetsky had returned to England to recuperate from a serious illness last year.

ULTIMATUM SURPRISE

According to The Jewish Chronicle, his ultimatum came as a surprise to the University's administrative staff.

They said they had no differences with him other than those expected among men who came from different universities and who are bound to have different ideas about organization and administration.

Brodetsky meanwhile told The Jewish Chronicle, in a special interview, that the University should be investigated by people from outside Israel "in order that (it) should be put on a proper basis."

"I found when I was at the University," he said, "that I was not really its head. I was simply the man who signed letters."

EXCITED REPLY

He said he wrote to University officials "that there was not sufficient understanding of how to deal with students," and "received an excited reply."

Another complaint of Prof. Brodetsky was that of the 65-70 members of the Board of Governors "those who will attend the next Board meeting will be only the members who live in Israel and a few others from abroad."

NOT SERIOUS ENOUGH

"I think this is wrong," he said. "I think the University should be run on a more serious basis."



PROFESSOR BRODETSKY
"Simply Signed Letters"

He would not comment whether he considered himself "suspended" from his post, or whether he would resign if his demands were not met.

Meanwhile, GOLDSTEIN Herbert Freedman, writing in the Dec., 1951 issue of The American Zionist, said that Prof. Brodetsky is understood to have objected, among other things, to appointments of teachers and professors not entirely on qualifications but on party affiliation and nepotism.

ORTHODOX OPPOSITION

Freedman added that "the opposition of Orthodoxy has disconcerting effects on the syllabus" of the University.

Professor Martin Buber, for example, instead of occupying the chair of religious science, was "sidetracked" to cultural sociology, wrote Freedman.

Professor Joseph Klausner was "made" to read on modern Hebrew literature and not on the period of the Second Temple on which he is considered an expert.

Professor H. Torczyner, famous Bible translator, "had to be content with Hebrew philology."

The medical faculty, furthermore, "meets with growing difficulties in arranging courses for anatomy as Orthodoxy objects to the dissection of Jewish corpses."

Hebrew U. Graduates
Largest Class in History

JERUSALEM — The Hebrew University conferred 185 de-

Articles Can No Longer Be Used

Religious Objects Plundered By Nazis
To Be Buried Sunday In U.S. Cemetery

PARAMUS, N. J. (NJP)—An ancient ceremony will take place here Sunday, Jan. 13, when the remainder of religious objects plundered by the Nazis from European synagogues and injured beyond repair will be buried.

The sacred articles will be placed in consecrated ground at the Beth El Cemetery here.

The rites, consisting of burial accompanied by special prayers, are prescribed by religious law to prevent desecration of the objects by using them for secular purposes.

Since the Bible prescribes burning or demolition for the destruction of idols, rabbinic law requires the burial of Jewish religious objects which can no longer be used.

This ceremony is used traditionally by synagogues in disposing of old prayer books and other sacred objects which are beyond use or repair, but which must not simply be thrown away or put to secular use.

The sacred objects to be buried here Sunday are damaged articles such as spice boxes, embroidered ritual cloths and parchment Torah scrolls. These articles were among those reclaimed from religious treasures looted by the Nazis, and brought to the U.S. by Jewish Cul-

tural Reconstruction, Inc.

Many hundreds of similar objects in usable condition were turned over by that organization to the Synagogue Council of America for distribution and religious use by almost 400 congregations in the U.S.

The date selected for the burial rites was set as soon as possible after Jan. 8, 1952, which is the tenth day of the month of Tebet (Asarah Be-Tebet) on the Jewish calendar.

That day commemorates the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.E. by the Babylonians, during which they captured the city and destroyed the Temple. The tenth of Tebet has been a traditional day of mourning and fasting.

In 1947, the day was proclaimed a Memorial Day for Jewish martyrs of all times, with special reference to the six-million Jews slaughtered by the Nazis in recent years.

A special memorial service was prepared for this day by the Synagogue Council of America, which is also conducting the burial service Sunday.

The S.C.A. represents American Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jewry.

Community Funeral Home
Gives \$45,000 To Charity

SAN FRANCISCO—The only Jewish community-operated funeral establishment in the United States contributed \$45,000 to local institutions out of profits from its 1951 operation, it was reported here in The Jewish Community Bulletin.

In addition, Sinai Memorial Chapel spent more than \$26,000 in free care and burials to indigent deceased cases, the paper reported.

Among the contributions made in 1951 were: Maimonides Health Center \$18,000; Jewish Educational Society \$4800; Montefiore Center, \$1800; Hebrew Nursing Home, \$3600; Mikva, \$1500; Jewish Welfare Fund, \$3500, and for the Sunday School educational program of Congregations Beth Israel, Sherith Israel and Emanu-El \$6000.

David Golub, president of Sinai, told the recent annual meeting that he believed that "no Jewish community in this country is performing a similar service." He pointed out that since the chapel is a non-profit sharing corporation, it is exempted from paying taxes.

"This exemption," he related, "plus our normal profits enables us to make the 1951 subventions of approximately \$50,000 possible."

Golub took special pride in the chapel's record of not permitting any Jew "to become a charge upon society and interred in potter's field."

grees, the largest number in its history, at its twenty-first commencement exercises Friday, Dec. 28.

Master of Arts degrees were awarded to 103 graduates, including 40 in Jewish studies; 66 received Master of Science degrees, of which 18 specialized in agriculture and 16 received Ph. D. degrees.

The total number of Masters' degrees awarded by the University to date is 1,177, while 133 Doctorates of Philosophy have been awarded.

The Rector of the University, Professor Moshe Schwabe, in conferring the degrees, stressed the divisive forces at work in the State today—the doctrinaire party antagonisms, the cultural and ethnic differences accompanying the ingathering of the exiles and the social and economic differences.

He called upon the graduates to "serve the cause of truth, goodness, beauty and construct-

ive unity in the Yishuv and in the State."

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Cerebral Palsy Victim, Lawyer, Also Owns Building Concern

By BERNARD SCHNIERER
National Jewish Post Correspondent

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (NJP)—News of the admission of Joseph Leon Cohen, a victim of cerebral palsy, to legal practice in Philadelphia (NJP, Jan. 4, 1952), caused no ripple here, where Abraham E. Horn, similarly afflicted, has been practicing law since 1919.

Horn passed his bar examination one year before graduating from the Vanderbilt University law school. Then, in 1921, he received his Doctorate of Law from the University of Chicago.

He has won several gold medals in journalism and owns a large building-material business.

He has spoken before cerebral palsy associations, exhibiting his affliction so that families of those similarly afflicted might know that this handicap, which makes walking, speech and writing difficult, does not preclude living a successful life.

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Economic Status of Jew And His Insecurity Told Slow 'Christianization' of Jews of South Reported By Writer; Intermarriage High

NEW YORK—Slow "christianization" of the Jews of the South was seen by Harry L. Golden, editor of the Carolina Israelite, of Charlotte, N. C., in an article in the current issue of The Congress Weekly, organ of The American Jewish Congress.

Asserting that there has been a tendency to over-sentimentalize the South, Golden wrote that "one may still find on the synagogue rolls a Mendoza, a Laporte, a Moise and a Kiralfy; but in the main the descendants of the Sephardic

Jews who came to Savannah in 1730 and who built a synagogue in Charlestown in 1750, have all but disappeared."

"... many of them," reports Golden, "are now third and fourth generation Christians." Golden relates that this disappearance was not due to conversion, but to intermarriage.

HOW IT HAPPENED

"In most cases," he wrote, "the family drifted into Christianity through the process of 'elimination.' The Jew married a Christian; the children were raised as Christians; and they in turn married others of their faith."

As a result of this process, "Every community in the South," Golden reveals, "has at least one leading Protestant layman of whom it is whispered, 'he was once a Jew!'"

Telling about the migration of northern Jews to the South, Golden writes that the movement "took a sharp upturn in the late 1930s and is at its very peak today."

He reported the South as lead-

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ing the country in the number of congregations in proportion to the number of Jewish residents "with one congregation for each 600 Jews." This compares with the national figure of one congregation for 1300 Jews.

Golden attributed this situation to the South's "church-mindedness" and to the high economic level of the Jews of the South.

WHOLLY 'UNEMPLOYABLE'

To illustrate the economic level of the Jews he relates that the Jew "is almost wholly 'unemployable' in the Southeast. There are no clerks, salesgirls, white collar workers or civil servants. In cities with as many as 2,000 Jews the only one of their number who is not self-employed is the rabbi."

Another reason to which Golden attributes the "seemingly closer religious life" of the Jew in the South is the unique position of the Temple in Jewish communal life. After emphasizing that attendance at services is no greater than in the rest of the nation, he reported that "the attendance in the recreational hall and the banquet room is far greater beyond that of the other Jewish communities."

Turning toward intermarriage, Golden says that "About one out of every three Jewish boys takes a Christian wife... Propinquity and biology are the only motivating factors."

"The Jew," continues Golden, "must always bring to the union something more than just himself, and the social cleavage is bridged by the 'special advantages' the Jew contributes to the marriage. He will marry the Christian girl who works in his father's store; he'll never marry the Christian daughter of his father's competitor."

To emphasize the number of intermarriages, Golden says that in the recent organization of a new Temple in North Carolina,

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four of the eight charter members had Christian wives.

As for Jewish girls, mixed marriages involving them are a "rarity." This Golden explains by the fact that the girls of the family are "usually sent by the parents to large Jewish centers where they meet prospective Jewish husbands. The men are, however, tied down to their home cities by their occupations."

In larger Jewish communities in the South where there are from fifty to 500 families, the situation is different.

Because the Jew is excluded from the country club, the civic club, the downtown luncheon club and the private school for children, he magnifies every little incident of bigotry and bias out of proportion, says Golden.

"There is a community of fifty or sixty 'solid' Jewish merchants with fine records of contributions to their city, living in day-to-day fear of a local semilliterate vagrant who writes 'letters to the editor' inveighing against 'foreigners,' 'aliens,' 'New Yorkers' and 'Zionists.'"

The "big fear" in these communities is "that one Jew may say or do something that 'will involve the whole Jewish community. As a result the Jew hesitates to risk active 'participation in the general political and civic life of the community,' according to Golden."

"The basic truth is that in general," Golden writes, "the Jew is distrusted by the very low income group and disliked by the middle class; and he is powerless to affect the course of this phobia to even the slightest degree." Yet, Golden relates, there is much less anti-Semitism in the South than in Massachusetts and New York.

Turning towards the interfaith movement, Golden says its popularity with the Jewish group rests on two illusions. "First is the illusion that there here is a 'Jewish activity' in which the Jews need make none of the decisions; and second is the illusion that here, at long last, is a 'social club' of Jews and Christians. Earlier, Golden had written that the Jews are invited to homes of prominent non-Jews for various civic meetings, but "it never reaches the level of 'let's have the Nathans over tonight.'"

Golden tells of the instance of the Jew in a Southern state who offered "to donate the entire \$150,000 required for a new Hillel House provided its name would be changed to 'Interfaith House.' His offer, Golden reports, was rejected.

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6-Months' Study Shows Material Comforts Small Factor

Low Moral Standards Blamed For Deterring American Pioneers

By BEN GALLOB

National Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK (NJP)—Disappointment at failure to find "an Israel with a high moral standard," rather than lack of material comforts, is responsible for the dismal record of American immigration to the Jewish State.

This was revealed in a report to the first formal association of American settlers which was made available in this country last week.

The report was issued by the Hitachdut Olei America (HOA) from its headquarters at 3 Achuzat Bayit Street, Tel Aviv, and covered the first national conference of the group held in Jerusalem Nov. 26-27.

According to the report, more than 100 delegates attended the conference, held at the home of Mrs. Rachel Yarden at Bet Matosian in Talpiot, Jerusalem. The delegates included Prof. Louis Guttman, formerly of Minneapolis, Minn., Cornell University and now director of the Israel Institute of Opinion Research, and Benjamin Kaminker, formerly of Detroit and active in the Labor Zionist Organization of America before migrating to Israel.

STUDIED SIX MONTHS

The attitudes of American settlers was revealed by Moshe Goldberg of Tel Aviv, national HOA secretary, reporting on a six-months survey dealing with the question: "Why is it that aliyah (immigration) from America is on the decrease? Why is it that many who come with the intention to settle, return?"

Goldberg reported to the conference that basically, American immigrants "want to find a different Israel than they are finding. They want to find an Israel with a high moral standard. They want to find an Israel that can offer them inspiration. Instead they find an Israel that not only does not offer them inspiration but has a very low moral climate."

Goldberg declared that if this analysis was accurate, "then it is not true that only the difficult material conditions of Israel are the determining factor in the decreased aliyah from those two countries."

"It must therefore follow that our association must widen its scope to include—in addition to services—participation in community and civic affairs, with a view toward helping make this country that type of Israel which such immigrants want to have."

WHY ADJUSTMENT HARD

Goldberg said that the immigrant from the United States and Canada found it more difficult than any other immigrant to adjust.

"He does not burn his bridges behind him. He holds on to his passport as to dear life itself. He holds on to his American citizenship. He does not consider himself an immigrant in the accepted sense of the word. He finds himself rather as an observer in the country. He refers to the population as divided into two parts: Israelis and immigrants, while he himself is not an Israeli and not an immigrant."

"When you take this difficult psychological make-up and couple it with the fact that perhaps more than any other immigrant he feels he is giving up something by coming here, we can begin to grasp something of the magnitude of his problems of adjustment."

The national secretary revealed that the organizers of the HOA had run into resistance in trying to build an organization.

INTERNAL OPPOSITION TOLD

"This opposition has not come from Israeli institutions and bodies," Goldberg reported. "On the contrary, they have applauded us. The opposition stems from American olim (immigrants) and the reason seems to stem from their opposition to a landsmanschaft of Americans that is, in their eyes, intended to get special privileges for such immigrants."

Goldberg was critical of support in the United States for that stand, citing an article by Carl Alpert, which appeared in the "Reconstructionist," holding that the HOA program was redundant.

Goldberg's reply to the charge made it clear that while the HOA may eventually stress a campaign of active civic participation, its present functions are to assist its members and other American newcomers with employment, housing and reception. He said that such work was either in a field which no other organization was handling "or in supplement to the work of

other bodies."

MOST MEMBERS URBAN

The report did not indicate the total number of members represented at the time of the conference but it appeared that the HOA was made up largely of city dwellers. Of the 29 delegates accredited by the credentials committee, 15 were from Tel Aviv, eight from Jerusalem and five from Haifa. Only one delegate—Kaminker—represented a kvutza (collective) although non-voting representatives were present from Kfar Blum, Yiftach, Urim, Barkai and the Moshav (mixed collective) Shitufi Cherut "b."

Among the resolutions adopted by the conference, one affirmed the vital concern of the HOA in encouraging and extending halutzit and promised to aid Americans "to make their contribution to the settling of the land."

DEBATE HOUSING POLICY

A sharp debate developed on the issue of pressure on the Jewish National Fund for land for housing, with one group asserting that the HOA had not been active enough in stressing to Israel official bodies the importance of "adequate and moderately-

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NEW YORK (NJP)—With 50,000 copies of its two books already distributed free, the Committee for the Rabbi David Miller Foundation at 302 E. 14th St., will begin its 14th year of operation, Monday, the 13th of January, the anniversary of the death of the man after whom the foundation is named.

Though an ordained rabbi, Rabbi Miller never occupied a pulpit, but devoted his time to business pursuits. On his death, he bequeathed his funds to distribution of two of his books, "The Secret of Happiness," and the "Secret of the Jew." The first of the books is devoted to Sabbath observance, while the second to family purity.

Before his death, Rabbi Miller gave away the books free himself, a task which the foundation has continued ever since. Many of the books have been distributed as the result of paid advertisements which the Foundation inserts in newspapers.

Joining in marking the yahrzeit of Rabbi Miller will be many Jewish institutions who receive annual subventions from the Foundation.

priced housing . . . in promoting and retaining the aliyah from the United States and Canada," written Hebrew among its members.

The resolution finally adopted, empowered appointment of a special delegation to the JNF and left to the subsequently-chosen executive committee the task of developing a specific policy on the problem.

Another debate developed over the role of Hebrew. An original resolution proposed that English be used at general meetings and in the writing of "lengthy circulars," with a clause committing the HOA to the goal of "raising the level of spoken and written Hebrew among its members."

An amendment making the official language of the HOA Hebrew, but with English for meetings and lengthy circulars was beaten and finally an amendment was adopted that the English language "may be used at meet-

In another resolution, the HOA resolved to seek "recognition and support from all Zionist bodies in the United States and Canada" and agreed to consider the question of establishing representation in the United States and Canada at the proper time.

Solomon Ibn Gabirol, Spanish-Jewish poet and philosopher of the 11th century, 600 years before Copernicus, listed the names and numbers of our planetary system. The last of the "spheres," as he designated the planets, in his listing, was Saturn.

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U.S. HELPED BREAK ARAB BLOCKADE--EBAN

TEL AVIV—The U.S. helped to break the Arab blockade against Israel, Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador to the U.S., declared here, according to The Jerusalem Post.

Speaking at the "Vocal Newspaper" of the Israel Journalists' Association, Eban took issue with those who claimed the U.S. sought to appease the Arabs at Israel's expense.

It would be more correct to claim, the Ambassador said, that without U. S. aid the Arab blockade would have stifled Israel.

He termed as moves which had helped to break the Arab blockade the grant-in-aid awarded Israel by the U.S., permission to float the Israel Bond issue in the U.S., shipment of surplus stocks of food valued at \$20,000,000 to Israel, the Export-Import bank loan and the navigation treaty.

U. S. FOREMOST POWER

Eban pointed out that the U.S. had become a force in the Middle East only during the past few years. Whereas six years ago the U.S. tended to stand aside from events in this area, he said, it was now the foremost of the foreign powers interested in the region.

This interest, he asserted, began with the establishment of Israel.

DIFFERENCES BRIEF

He admitted there had been differences between Israel and the U.S., but said these had been only of short duration.

America's policy in the Middle East was not static, he explained, since she wished to remain on good terms with both Israel and the Arab states.

"The scales go up and down all the time, and it is doubtful if they will ever come to a balance," he said.



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'If They Don't Want To Learn They Just Don't'

U.S. Educator, Now Israeli School Principal, Says Pupils There Use Much Freedom of Choice

SAN FRANCISCO (NJP)—Educators who believe in not forcing the student to do anything against his wishes, would find life in at least one Israel kibbutz "heaven."

In a report in The Jewish Community Bulletin, which was reprinted from Israel Speaks, Zeev Brenner, former principal of the religious school at Beth Abraham in Oakland, told how the children at Beth Alpha react to something they don't want to learn.

"If the children decide they won't learn something, they just don't," the educator, who is now principal of Beth Alpha's high school, said.

"The children have a freedom here which we don't know in the States," Zeev is reported as saying.

"There is no punishment for one thing," he emphasized. "You see, the children themselves do the punishing. If someone has done something wrong, the group decides what is to happen to him." Zeev pointed out that such a rule exists only in kibbutzim.

Zeev told of one class which refused point-blank to study Arabic. He related that the

teachers could do nothing about the refusal.

Zeev had been hired for the Beth Alpha school right in San Francisco, where his parents live. He got the job because he knew Hebrew well, having studied Semitic languages, and because he had been active in the Hashomer Hatzair movement for some time.

It took Zeev some time to become adjusted to the strange new facts of education at Beth Alpha, the report said, but the greeting he received when he returned recently from a week's honeymoon trip with his new bride, was eloquent testimony to his popularity with the youngsters.

His 23-year-old wife, Lisa (Kraus), is also from San Francisco.

While Zeev came to Israel nearly two years ago, Lisa did not arrive till last April, after she finished her studies in food chemistry at the University of California.

Lisa had not yet managed to learn Hebrew, according to the report.

But "When the honeymoon is over, Zeev and I will talk only Hebrew to each other," she said, "a little wistfully," added the writer.

REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

'MAGNETIC TIDE' DRAWS RAVES; LARRY FRISCH HITS BIG TIME

By SHIMON WINCELBERG

I'D LIKE to comment, tardily, on some material that's come from New York.

There have been dozens of fairly good or adequate film shorts about Israel, but, on the basis of a sizeable stack of evidence submitted by Mrs. Dorothy Silverstone, none has raked up quite such an impressive list of rave notices as "The Magnetic Tide," directed and produced by Mrs. S., and released internationally by 20th Century Fox.



WINCELBERG

Among the many Italian papers which praised the film, the Vatican's "L'Osservatore Romano," commented that "this production has all the necessary characteristics which lead to a poetical, simple and human task, and also it constitutes a valid invitation to the purest values of life, to peace and harmony among men."

ANOTHER interesting item of publicity is a little booklet printed by Larry Frisch, son of the late Daniel Frisch, former president of the Z.O.A. The booklet is primarily a reprint from the November issue of Pageant magazine, which ran a detailed lay-out on "Dope Addict," a film short which Larry wrote, produced and directed, and which is distributed by Young America Films.

THE SOUTH-AFRICAN Jewish Times, in whose territory neither D & B, nor D. F. have been offered up for entertainment yet, displays fine impartiality in its recent interview with Spyros Skouras, president of 20th Century-Fox.

"David and Bathsheba" is described as "a faithful version of the Old Testament story, and a subtle presentation of the Jewish cause."

Mr. Skouras also confirmed to his interviewer "that his company is responsible for filming the 'Rommel' story, and disclosed that although he has seen personal evidence of the bestial crimes committed in Germany, Poland and Greece by the Nazis, it is his personal conviction that 'you can't go on slapping people forever.'"

SOME WEEKS ago I gave an unsolicited plug to "Scrip for Israel," which I would like to qualify with the report that returns have begun to come in from some Scrip recipients in Israel, and the almost unanimous reaction seems to be that the same amount of money spent for a package, particularly a CARE package, gets them a good deal more food than Scrip.

One correspondent advances as his theory for the small purchasing power of Scrip coupons that it is figured on the rather unrealistic basis of \$2.80 to one Israel Pound.

NOTES: Danny Thomas, who will play the lead in "The Jazz Singer," will not play a jazz singer. . . . Director Anatole Litvak shot enough background footage for "Decision Before Dawn" to have a film that would run 92½ hours. . . . The tissue-wrapping around Arizona grapefruit sold on this side of town are decorated with a huge green mogon-dovid.

D. P. PROGRAM ENDS; 64,000 JEWS ENTERED U.S.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NJP)—About 64,000 DP's, 19 percent of the total admitted to the U.S. under the Displaced Persons program, were Jewish.

The program formally ended Dec. 31. A total of 336,000 visas were issued by the close of that day, to DP's for entry into the U.S.

John W. Gibson, chairman of the DP Commission, in his final report said the religious composition of the 336,000 DP's is 46 percent Catholic, 34 percent Protestant and Orthodox, 19 percent Jewish and one percent others.

It is reported that about 3,000 Jewish DP's failed to receive visas before the expiration of the act. Efforts are being made to bring them in, however, under the regular immigration quota system.

About 300,000 of the DP's already have arrived in the country, with the remainder due to enter by the middle of March. The DP commission will continue to function until August, however, pending completion of the program to bring in 10,000 orphans and 55,000 ethnic-Germans who were expelled from Eastern and Central Europe after the war.

Gibson reported that the total cost of resettling the 336,000 DP's in the U.S. is \$100,601,000, an average of \$229 per DP.

South's First Interracial Law Firm Is Organized

By FRANK N. FREE

National Jewish Post Correspondent

LOUISVILLE (NJP)—The formation of Louisville's first interracial law firm brings together two partner-attorneys and a lawyer whom they have opposed in various court cases in the past.

This interracial law firm is believed to be the first in the South.

The unique development was announced by attorney Herbert H. Monsky, a partner with William G. Colson, who said that they have been joined by Benjamin F. Shobe, a Negro attorney.

Monsky, 40, has been practicing for approximately 18 years. The veteran attorney is best known as a labor lawyer who has represented a number of unions. He is a graduate of the U. of L. School of Law.

Colson, 32, also a U. of L. Law School graduate, has been a partner with Monsky for two years.

The third member of the new firm, Shobe, 31, a former senior law partner of Shobe, Lundermann and Banks, has been practicing for six years.

Shobe, whom Colson describes as "brilliant," has played an important role in a number of cases wherein racial issues are concerned. He is chief counsel in the Federal suit against the city, charging racial discrimination in the allotment of public recreation facilities, especially golf.

The Negro attorney is an honor graduate of the University of Michigan School of Law.

Deathless Day On Roads In Israel Is Reported

JERUSALEM — A deathless day on Israel's highways was reported last week, following a week during which there were eight deaths in road accidents throughout the country.

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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

COLLECTOR WILL SELL PIN-UPS CHEAP TO INTERESTED PARTY

By HELEN COHEN

OUR ten-year-old son has been led to believe by one of his former teachers that a well-adjusted child goes in for collecting as a hobby.

And so ever so often he starts up a new kind of collection. We've gone through sieges such as a house full of milk bottle tops, used match containers, stamps, leaves and baseball heroes (which came in bubble gum packages).

I would wager that at this point girls as such are of practically no interest to him, yet from one of his friends he acquired the notion that a worthwhile occupation would be collecting pin-up pictures.

And so one section of a wall in his room is now covered with the latest in cheese-cake.

The denouement to this tale is that among the glamor girls were portraits of Joan Crawford, Ginger Rogers, and Loretta Young. Until I mentioned they used to be among my favorites also.

Decided then that they were too aged for his blood and offered to sell them cheap to any other interested collector.



IF THERE is any doubt in your mind that social climbing is a serious business, then a piece in Time magazine should set you straight.

Applicants for executive jobs are judged not alone on their ability, but also on the social qualities demonstrated by their wives.

Time reported a survey made by Fortune, its sister magazine, which found that "more and more companies . . . are interviewing wives before hiring their husbands. About half the companies surveyed have a wife-screening program and others are getting ready to start them. The practice is to make "an informal social visit" at home, invite the couple to dinner, or even ask the husband to bring his wife along to an interview for a job. One company carefully checks the wife's credit rating and her popularity in her community. Another turns down at least 20% of its trainee applicants, who were otherwise acceptable, because of their wives."

One "firm has set up a kind of finishing school for wives. As soon as the husband reaches the \$8,000-to-\$10,000 bracket, his wife becomes eligible for grooming. A vice president's wife takes her in hand, shows her where to shop, eat, vacation and how to dress and entertain.

"It's tough," complains the wife of a 35-year-old plant manager. "You have to leave behind your old friends. You have to weigh the people you invite to parties. You have to be careful of who you send Christmas cards to and who you don't." But, on balance, most wives go along willingly."

Not that I want to brag, but the Jewish group could probably give the general population a few pointers in this complex social art, which until I am convinced otherwise is as democratic as the caste system of India.

IF SOME of the complaints I hear about television from mothers is widespread, I should have passed on to you before the solution arrived at by one of our readers. She bought a lock and key for their set and kept a firm hand on the situation.

A MOTHER of a six-year-old was telling me that her daughter was helping with dishes, dusting and straightening her room, besides keeping an eye on younger brother.

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A NOTHER idea which some one should have figured out long ago.

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Plane Turns Back Only After Official Request

LYDDA AIRPORT, Israel—It required the Israel Foreign Ministry and airport officials here to return a TWA plane from off the runway where it was preparing to take off, to pick up two Central American diplomats.

Senor Oscar Chavaz, Deputy Foreign Minister of Salvador, and Senor G. Sacasa, Nicaraguan Ambassador to the U.S., were concluding a brief visit to Israel when they reached the airport

just as their plane was ready to test the engines.

The pilot returned to the Terminal Building only after the Israel Foreign Ministry and Airport officials prevailed upon him to tuck in his wings momentarily.

Herbert Orliffe, Toronto, Canada, eight years a member of the board of trustees of that city's Board of Education, has been elected chairman of the Board, the first Jew to hold this position.

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Only Five Russian Jews Allowed To Go To Israel

LONDON—Only five Jews have been allowed to leave the Soviet Union for Israel since the establishment of the state, it was reported by The Jewish Chronicle of London, from Tel Aviv.

The five, four women and one man, an invalid, were granted exit permits by Russia following requests by the Israel government that they be allowed to emigrate "on compassionate grounds," to join relatives in Israel.

Miami Goal \$1,199,897; Tops '51 by 23 Per Cent

By DAVE GOODWIN

National Jewish Post Correspondent
MIAMI, Fla. (NJP)—The first major drive for funds for 1952 was announced last week, as Miami prepared officially to open this year's campaign to raise \$1,199,897, a whopping twenty-three percent above the 1951 goal.

Major recipients were announced as: UJA, JDC, UFA and USNA, \$678,411; national and overseas relief agencies, national cultural agencies and civic defense groups, \$102,066; seven local agencies, \$450,745.

Carl Weinkle, general chairman of the drive, said the larger budget is needed because of the growth of the Miami Jewish community as well as the greater overseas expenses.

Goldmann Denies Slur On GZ Bond Efforts

NEW YORK (NJP)—A report from Jerusalem by the Mizrahi News Service that Dr. Nahum Goldmann had charged that the General Zionists had not fulfilled even part of their quota of Israel Bonds, was denied here by the Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency.

Goldmann told The Post that he had never made such a statement.

"All such stories," he asserted, "wherever they may have appeared are completely unauthorized and unfounded."

The Mizrahi News Service reported that Dr. Goldmann, in his address before the Jewish Agency executive, (NJP, Dec. 28, 1951) had lauded the bond efforts of the Labor Zionists, the Hapoel Hamizrachi and the Mizrahi Women of America.

Rabbi Noveck Named Adult Education Head

NEW YORK (NJP)—Rabbi Simon Noveck, of the Park Avenue synagogue here, the pulpit occupied by the late Rabbi Milton Steinberg, has been appointed director of the Department of Adult Jewish Education of the United Synagogue of America.

The new department, replaces the National Academy of Adult Jewish Studies headed for the past ten years by Dr. Israel Goldman.

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2 tablespoons cream, sweet ½ cup chopped olives, plain or
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¼ cup chopped green peppers, paprika
or salt and pepper
½ cup chopped nuts, or

Work cheese and cream together until smooth, chop other ingredients desired very fine, and mix thoroughly.

Number 2

½ cup cottage or cream ½ cup marmalade
cheese ½ cup pecans, chopped very
1 tablespoon cream fine

Work cheese and cream together until smooth, add marmalade and chopped pecans and mix thoroughly.

CHICKEN MIXTURE

1 cup cooked chicken 1 hard-cooked egg
¼ cup chopped pickled 1 tablespoon catsup, or pre-
cucumber pared mild mustard
1 teaspoon horseradish, if salt and pepper
desired

Put chicken and egg through the food chopper, mix thoroughly with remaining ingredients.

DATE-FIG-NUT MIXTURE

Put through the food chopper equal quantities of pitted dates, dried figs and blanched almonds or walnuts. Mix, and add enough strained orange juice to bind the mixture.

EGG MIXTURE

Mash hard-cooked eggs with the back of a wooden spoon, adding enough melted chicken fat or mayonnaise to make a smooth paste. Season with salt and pepper. If desired, add 1 small onion, chopped fine, or 1 tablespoon chopped olives, for each egg.

First Spanish Jew Ordained In U.S.

CONCORD, N. H. (NJP)—Rabbi Bernard M. Honan, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., and a graduate of the Hebrew Union College, believed to be the first student of Jewish Institute of Religion, is Spanish-Jewish ancestry to be scion of a rabbinic family which graduated from an American extends back more than twenty rabbinical seminary, has been generations.

elected spiritual leader of the Congregational Temple Beth Jacob here.

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The Sabbath At Our Conventions

THE CHARGES made by Rabbi Harry Essrig that Orthodox elements had frightened the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds out of their wits into observing the Sabbath at its conventions were unwarranted and inaccurate.

They were also undignified.

But there is a more fundamental criticism of Rabbi Essrig's position.

He himself wrote that the recent general assembly of the Council was the first that he has attended. This may account for his faulty analysis.

Rabbi Essrig was discouraged because an opportunity to reveal to the leadership of the Jewish communities the joyous treasures of the Sabbath was wasted.

In this regard he is entirely correct.

But only in this regard.

We are in full agreement with him that an oneg shabbat on cultural themes is fully consonant with the traditional observance of the Sabbath. But the so-called Orthodox elements whom Rabbi Essrig blames for pressuring the CJFWF into halting its business sessions on the Sabbath are also in full agreement with him here.

If Rabbi Essrig were a bit more familiar with national Jewish organizations he would have known that it was only two or three years ago when Saturday was a big day for their conventions.

The principal sessions were held then.

None recessed for the Sabbath, except the

Zionist Organization of America.

After years, the national organizations were finally persuaded—not by the Orthodox elements but by the leadership who were faced with the intellectual dilemma of holding a Jewish convention which ignored the Sabbath—to pay their respects, if only negatively, to this important cornerstone in Judaism.

If American Jews had reached the point where they were observing the Sabbath, then there would be little danger in making concessions.

But such is not the case.

And that is why the argument of those who point to the fact that the elders of some European Jewish communities regularly held meetings on community problems on Saturday afternoon, is invalid. The Jews of those communities had not the least worry about the place of the Sabbath in their communities.

Today in the U.S., the fight is still tough and go on the future of Sabbath. The position has just about been won, that official Jewish agencies end their labors on the Sabbath. The battle must now be carried on in the community-at-large and although advances are being made, the decision is far from having been achieved.

The foregoing explains why business sessions of the CJFWF, even though such sessions are permissible from the historical interpretation, cannot go unchallenged, and that is why the position taken by Rabbi Essrig is unrealistic.

Another View on Brandeis' Saturday Games

RABBI G. George Fox, writing in The Sentinel, of Chicago, keeps alive the issue of Brandeis University's playing of athletic contests on the Sabbath.

The Rabbi states his position with a little more strength than have other supporters of the view that Brandeis has no choice but to schedule Sabbath games.

He writes:

"I see where Brandeis University has had some stones thrown at it because it played football on Saturday. If I am not mistaken, the late Rabbi Kook of Jerusalem permitted football on Shabbos, if there were no business transactions carried on with the game, on the Sabbath.

"But regardless of whether my memory serves me correctly or not, if Brandeis wants to maintain its standing as a member of the American University tradition; if it wants a place in college life and in college activity, it will have to play on the Sabbath—and I am sure that the verdict of American Jewry will be on its side.

"There is a very strong tendency to introduce Orthodox practice in matters where it does not belong. Let us understand that there are things that are part of American culture and practice. They are part of the recognized American tradition. The tremendous force of athletics in American colleges, will not bow down to theological practices that are observed more in the breach than in the observance. If Brandeis is to remain an American University in the classic sense and not an American Yeshiva, it will not surrender to the rue and cry of sentimental traditionalists. It will not

permit itself to become ghettoized—and may I say that American Jewry will not permit itself to go back to theological ghettoism."

Whether the course Brandeis is following is right or not will not be decided this year or even next.

The decision will come when the American Jewish community comes to the point where it either discards the Sabbath as the Jew knows it traditionally, or begins to observe the Sabbath.

The Post has already stated its view, holding that Brandeis can make a contribution to the emerging American Judaism by dropping the Sabbath as the day on which it plays its football games.

Games on other days of the week are not at all impossible; they only seem so. But assuming that Rabbi Fox is right that Saturday games are a recognized part of American tradition, the question arises as to whether observing the American tradition of Saturday games is of such great importance that a concept of Jewish significance should be violated therefor.

Friday night as date night is traditional on our campuses, and very few Jewish students today violate that American tradition.

Is Rabbi Fox prepared to accept this tradition meekly. If so on what night of the week would he have prayer services for Jews.

Friday night services, to use Rabbi Fox's reasoning, are a theological practice which is observed more in the breach than in the observance.

Is he ready therefore to discontinue Friday night services?

Can And Will Do Both

THE FEAR of the Jewish leadership that the sale of Israel bonds would affect adversely the campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, has by now been proven completely unwarranted.

At one time this fear was widely held. Harold Glasser, the economist who heads the Overseas Institute of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, was among the many who predicted that the bond drive would cost the UJA \$25,000,000 in 1951.

Leo Mindlin, writing in his column in The Jewish Floridian of Jan. 4, asserts that "... the fact remains that investment in one necessarily reduces the volume of donation to the other."

This statement is wholly inaccurate.

The United Jewish Appeal raised upwards of \$80,000,000 in 1951. A total of \$94,000,000 in Israel bonds was sold between May 1 and

Dec. 31, 1951. Of this amount, \$50,000,000 has been paid in. These millions may have made the difference between bankruptcy and a strong economic foundation for the state.

No one is satisfied with the results of the sale of Israel bonds to date. All would be more pleased if the figure for the first eight months was \$150,000,000 instead of \$94,000,000. The same holds true for the U.J.A. total.

But one thing is plain.

The decision of Israel leaders to launch the sale of Israel bonds in 1951 was most fortunate.

The duty of the American Jewish community is clear. It must support the UJA to the fullest, and it should buy the bonds which will make Israel economically self-sufficient. The American Jewish community in 1951 demonstrated clearly that it can and will do both.

Our Suspicions Confirmed

WE DON'T know whether it was a typist's error or not, but the cat may have been let out of the bag in the report of Judge Maurice Bernon's statement to the recent convention of the Joint Distribution Committee on its 10,000-member national council.

The figure of 10,000 is the giveaway.

It used to be an honor in U.S. Jewish life to be named to a national body of a national Jewish organization.

But shrewd organization leaders, even if

they couldn't make everyone a president, soon found a way to make everyone feel important, even if it involved some little deceit.

They set up these national councils and then listed practically everyone as a member.

We suspected that the totals of these national councils very nearly approximated the total membership of some organizations, but now it seems that these nasty suspicions of ours have been confirmed.

THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

THERE WAS a time in the development of the U. S. Jewish community when the idea of the congregational seder was very important. This was the day when the seder itself was in danger of disappearing. Fortunately, by now, the family seder has won back its importance in American Jewish living, so that it is possible to begin urging the discontinuance of congregational seders in many places in favor of returning the seder to the place where it belongs—in the home.

Even more than the seder, the Friday evening meal belongs in the home. But the Friday evening meal today is in danger, so that the idea of congregational Sabbath dinners can have great value.

WE ARE reminded of this by a letter from Rabbi Sol Landau who describes what happened in his congregation in Newburgh, N. Y.

"As this function was the first of this kind ever held locally the people were rather dubious as to the response of the congregation. Within a very few days, however, reservations had to be closed. The meal was prepared by a volunteer committee of our ladies, while the children had decorated the hall with Sabbath symbols. My cantor and I took charge of the program.

"One can preach about the Sabbath and picture its beauty as vividly as possibly but it can certainly not bring it to our people as effectively as experiencing it. This was felt generally when our dinner began at six thirty with the joint singing of Sholem Aleichem, and was followed by the chanting of the Kiddush, led by children together with the Cantor.

"Before the meal began, each parent blessed their children and each course was accompanied by songs, stories and anecdotes. The dinner was concluded at 8:15 with the Grace and then everyone went into the Synagogue for regular Friday night Services. Appropriately we held this function on the Sabbath of dedication and we hope that our efforts and those to follow will stimulate our people to real dedication and rededication."

IN THE past few weeks, it has been my privilege to break the bread on Friday evening with two families, each with their own symbolic way of welcoming the Sabbath bride.

The first was at the home of Ben Harris, of Chicago, during the recent general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and the second was last Friday night in Peoria, at the home of Rabbi Joseph Ginsburg.

The women had embellished the Sabbath table with examples of the very best culinary art. Meanwhile the masters of the home took very obvious pride in presiding over a festive meal so rich in Jewish values.

If you know Ben Harris (I promised him faithfully I would not write up the meal, and want him to know that I've kept my promise for more than a month) you will understand the great joy he got out of the occasion. But since I'm sworn to silence, I'll have to tell you about the induction of the Sabbath in Rabbi Ginsburg's home.

RABBI GINSBURG, of course, began the short, but very warm ceremony, with the traditional prayer. He then yielded to 5-year-old Michael, who recited the motzi.

With that, the assembled guests held hands with their right and left partners forming a seated

circle while Rabbi Ginsburg delivered a short prayer which he evidently had composed for his own use. That completed, Michael and the daughter of the house, Janet, passed around the table, kissing mother and father and guests with equal relish.

I missed the singing that was so fitting in the Harris home and which in our own, where ever little one-and-a-half year old Ben Zion is beginning to make intimations that he is getting ready to join in, enlivens the occasion. But in too many Jewish homes—this Friday evening ceremony is completely absent. What is lost by this barrenness I need not attempt to tell you. The loss is not only a spiritual one.

The Jewish family which doesn't know the welcoming of the Sabbath togetherness is a family which is losing more than it can afford.

That is why then, the practice of congregational Friday evening meals is necessary today.

Ten years from today, it may no longer be needed, I hope. But for today, I urge rabbis to begin holding Friday evening meals, so that they can reintroduce this most important home ceremony to the Jewish community.

ONE OF the truly great spirits in the American Jewish Community is without doubt Sidney Hollander of Baltimore. Yet in his person he offers the paradox that is the American Jewish community (and might indicate to those who want to make the Zionist Organization a specific political party, that they are committing a grave error in judgement).

Sidney is the paradox itself because he is not religious in the formal sense. He doesn't attend services. Yet to me he is a deeply religious personality.

He is in the forefront of the fight for the downtrodden. He is a national figure in the councils of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The same is true for the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA). In fact, there is a Sidney Hollander Foundation, established by his children ten years ago, to provide an annual award to that group or individual responsible for the greatest advancement in the cause of the Negro in Maryland.

From the Jewish standpoint, Sidney is a past president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which he guided for seven years, a member of the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress, and a vice chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

NOW TO get back to my remark about Sidney showing why it would be a tragic mistake for the ZOA to attempt

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Rabbi Applebaum Says Difference Between Us 'Idealism Vs. Realism'

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I was, to be sure, very interested in your editorial "Our Answer To Rabbi Applebaum" (Jan. 4, 1952).

I was pleased to learn that you were "willing to accept as valid all of the points raised" in my letter. Your "opposite conclusions" however prompt the observation that our differences are a matter of idealism versus realism. It is difficult to be accurate, but I sought to be realistic in my appraisal of majority American Jewish reaction to the disputed points in the AJCommittee's resolution. I have no objections to your idealism.

But let us unravel a few of the facts which you gutted and twisted. Nothing was said or implied about "fostering a halutz movement (being) un-American or un-Jewish" or "evil." The feeling expressed was that it just would not be popular, for the reasons indicated.

I must also take exception with

your all-inclusive statement that "Part of the objection to halutz stems from the insecurity of U.S. Jewry."

If my memory serves me correctly, yours has been one in our chorus of voices which has been contending that since the establishment of the State, Jews do feel more secure in America. One, belonging to the top American Zionist echelon, in attendance at the Jerusalem World Zionist Congress, offered this fact in explanation for American Jews not coming to settle in Israel. American Jews who do remain here, manifestly feel firmly rooted, free, secure and no reason to want to leave. They will continue to resent statements which savor of our being insecure.

Permit me to add, what on more than one occasion I heard from Israelis, "If it is ever bad for Jews in America, it will be bad for us in Israel. If it is good in America, it will be good here."

I, for one, have great faith in

America and in our future as American Jews. American Judaism is strong, sensitive, interested and responsive. It played a very important part in the creation of the State and shall continue to give it moral and financial support.

Any Jew in America feeling insecure here has the opportunity to make the change.

Your editorial called attention to the fact that "the prime minister of Australia just after World War II called for one million GIs to come there to live and help build up the land..." without American objection. Is not such a once-uttered invitation really a far cry from what you envision to be "a real halutz movement, of the size we believe should be promoted..."?

Halutz is a noble vocation. I feel certain that there will be some American Jews who will ardently desire to and join our Israeli co-religionists. I met a few such idealists from America

in Israel. They have our admiration. No virtuous emotions had to be aroused in their hearts by others. They went in response to the urge of their own positive and genuine idealism. No iron curtains shut Israel off from America. American Jewish youth will, therefore, have the continued opportunity to see and learn what is transpiring in Israel and to respond as they personally see fit.

As for those American Zionist leaders whose cheeks flame with embarrassment or resentment when criticized, not unduly, for failure to be the "inspiring examples" themselves, while advocating that others go—your defense of them is weak.

Israel's invitation is also extended to them. Do only those "past middle age," as you put it, have "ties to the U.S. (which) cannot easily be broken"?

You took issue with me on the consideration about the hearts of parents being turned towards

their children. Let me add that the hearts of American Jewish children are also turned towards their parents. These, too, also have ties which cannot easily be broken.

Incidentally, I know of people "past middle age" who went to live out their last days in Zion. I am sure you do, too.

Enough of this sparring. I certainly want no part in driving a wedge of any kind between any Jews.

But I believe in having the truth. And the truth does seem to be that, while we admire our Israeli brethren for their toil, energy, sacrifice and idealism, most American Jews wish to remain here and fervently pray that no stress of emergency or threat will ever uproot us. To which, I am sure, the whole congregation of Jacob will add a sincere "Amen."

RABBI MORTON M. APPLEBAUM
Flint, Mich.

CJFWF ASSEMBLY IN CHICAGO HAD 'LARGEST ATTENDANCE IN YEARS'

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I have read with interest your reports and comments on our General Assembly in The National Jewish Post.

There apparently was some misunderstanding concerning the attendance. There were actually close to 800 people at the sessions on Friday afternoon and Saturday evening, which jammed the largest ballroom of the Edgewater Beach Hotel, and about 500 people at the session on Sunday morning—as you must have observed.

The discrepancy between this attendance and the registration figure which was announced and which you used, is due to the fact that the Credentials Committee notes only official delegates and alternates, and not total attendance.

The Assembly, an official body of member organizations, in its voting is limited to a maximum total of 506 votes, apportioned among our member communities on the basis of Jewish population.

The communities need not have the equivalent number of people present to cast their votes—thus the New York United Jewish Appeal and New York Federation together do not need to have 51 people to cast their combined 51 votes, but could instruct a smaller number to cast them, to reflect the organizations' wishes.

At the Chicago conference the New York representation was in fact much smaller than 51.

But practically every city in the country with a Jewish population of 5,000 or more was represented—many of them with delegations larger than their total of votes, so that not all were counted as delegates. As in previous Assemblies, there was only a partial representation from the 172 small communities (under 5,000 population) which are entitled to 172 votes in the Assembly.

The total attendance at the General Assembly was one of the

largest in many years—including not only certified official community delegates and alternates, but additional persons from those communities without official voting status, the persons invited from national agencies as observers, and community leaders in attendance from Chicago and neighboring cities likewise in addition to those with official delegate status.

The general reaction, paralleling some of your own comments, stressed the unusual maturity of the Assembly.

PHILIP BERNSTEIN
Associate Director, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

SOUTH CAROLINA MERCHANT SAYS RABBI MESCH ERRS ON XMAS TALK

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

Many readers will admit that NJP reporting oftentimes borders the humorous fringe.

In two previous issues, your columns were aflame with the Birmingham, Alabama affair: Jewish-owned Department Stores refusing to close Friday Evenings. The Post even hurled a scathing editorial on the matter—"You answer this One"—observing that the Reform rabbi of that city, a Milton L. Grafman, submitted the issue to the Protestant Ministerial Association of Birmingham for action!

Lo and behold, in the Post of

Dec. 28, 1951, there emerges in the news a Conservative rabbi of Birmingham, and of Alabama's largest Jewish Congregation, who has some sacred advice on Yuletide celebrations in Public Schools.

"Wasted energy in the wrong direction," The Post quotes Rabbi Mesch of Birmingham. We correctly deduce, then, that imploring Jewish merchants to close their stores on Friday Evenings, would be "energy expanded in the right direction."

Where, pray tell, was this eminent Conservative Rabbi "ex-

pending his energy" at the time of fuss of getting the Jewish stores to close? Why was the energy of the Protestant Ministers imposed upon so notably and shamefully?

It's a safe bet that members of the vast Conservative Congregation are directly interwoven into the Department-Store life of the city. (Louis Pizitz of the Pizitz Store is a Traditional-minded Jew!) What an eloquent silence was there spoken by a rabbi of Dixie!

Rabbi Mesch's logic on carols and Bible-reading, affords us the answer we were all searching for.

"Show me one Jewish child who has been converted to Christianity because of this," exclaims Rabbi Mesch.

Presto! Here we have a yardstick for gauging and measuring the Commandments of Judaism and their desecration or upkeep. As long as there is no conversion to Christianity, rabbis had best remain silent on trifles such as Kashruth and Sabbath and Synagogue attendance, or Christmas trees. Nobody is being converted, so why "waste energy" on these things?

Any sober-minded person must agree that, if enough Jewish parents (not their rabbis) went to enough school authorities in America, Bible-reading, Hymn-singing, and Xmas-joy, all of these would have an entirely different complexion for our children. Where does Rabbi Mesch's

"conversion" idea fit here altogether?

"We must accept the fact that we are living in a Christian nation," says the Rabbi.

Fine talk for a religious leader to a miserated, humble spiritually-exilic American-Jewish laity! He's telling us.

What we would tell him, and his prototypes in the rabbinate, is that they had better rally and muster as much "wasted energy" as they know how, lest they wake up some fine American morning and find themselves conducting a vain glorious Sunday morning Mass (in place of Friday evening services) and chanting a Holy Communion—in place of Kiddush—LE-HAVDIL! Yes, Rabbi Mesch, LE-HAVDIL!

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The Editor's Chair

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to convert into a political party with a political platform and with actual ties to political groups in Israel. (This is what would happen if the ZOA confirmed the resolution, now more or less ignored, passed at its last convention affiliating the organization with the General Zionist Party in Israel).

Immediately the ZOA would alienate the large majority of its members who joined it because they wanted to help Israel, but who have no concern with internal politics there. These members are slowly becoming familiar with the political picture in Israel, but they are not ready yet to say that they want to make their influence felt in Israeli politics.

As the ZOA stands now it is like the American Jewish community, broad enough to include Jews who are agnostics, Jews who are Orthodox, Jews who be-

lieve that it is only a religion.

Like the American Jewish community, if it were to establish a set of standards to which all American Jews would have to adhere, immediately there would be a large number of defections.

A SIMILAR situation faces the Conservative Movement today. Conservatism is divided into the right wingers, who tend towards Orthodoxy, the left wingers who are Reconstructionists and want to liberalize the Movement and the center, whose position is obvious.

Conservatism has avoided at all costs being forced to set up a sort of constitution. This would rend the Movement, perhaps into three parts, with present congregations and rabbis faced with a choice of conforming to that constitution, or withdrawing from something in which they did not believe.

Obviously this is not the time to set up a definitive formulation of American Judaism. Nor to take a vote on whether American Jews should observe Orthodoxy, or Conservatism or Reform. If one of the standards adopted were affiliation with a synagogue, many Jews like Sidney Hollander might be faced with a painful choice.

THIS IS not an argument for chaos in American Jewish life. If it were, The Post itself would be a paradox, for we have been most insistent in urging formulations and concerted action in order to unify the American Jewish community.

At some point in the growth of every agency and movement, it has to stop and formulate its program and outline its views and aims specifically. The question is, when.

This is not to imply that those in the ZOA who are convinced

IN AND OUT OF BOOKS

BRIEF NOTICES ALL THAT

3 NEW VOLUMES WARRANT

By HAROLD U. RIBALOW

While books of Jewish interest do continue to roll off the presses of eager and optimistic publishers, not many of them warrant full reviews, although all of them do deserve comment, even if brief.

For example, Rabbi S. Felix Mendelsohn, a Chicago rabbi who has for more than a decade been issuing volumes of Jewish humor, found the time to collect another such book, this time entitled, "The Merry Heart. Wit and Wisdom From Jewish Folklore." It is published by RIBALOW Bookman Association, also known as Twayne. No doubt Rabbi Mendelsohn has an audience, else why publish four books of humor. And as humor does or does not strike you as being funny, depending on your own sense of it, we shall pass along a few stories and the reader can see whether he agrees with this writer that the book under discussion rates few cheers.

One story concerns the Jewish fellow in love with the Catholic girl who, when faced with familial objections on both sides (with, naturally, the strongest objections coming from the Catholic side) announced that he and his girl will join a Protestant Church "and go to the devil together."

A second item involves a Jewish woman who wants a mezuzah similar to the one her mother had, but, "get me one which does not look too Jewish."

The third "funny" story is about a well-to-do Jew, eager to buy something for his wife on their 25th wedding anniversary.

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She doesn't want a mink coat; she doesn't want a diamond brooch; she wants a new car. But, if he must offer her something, she wants cash. His rejoinder? "You ought to realize I can't get cash wholesale."

Of course the book isn't full of that kind of material; there's just enough of it to irritate at least one reader.



Hyman E. Goldin's "A Treasury of Jewish Holidays" (also published by Bookman Associates) is a well-produced volume on the Jewish festivals and fasts, plus a 20-year calendar of Jewish holidays. The history, legends and traditions of the Sabbath, Passover, the High Holidays and other major and minor holidays are offered by Rabbi Goldin and, while there are other books available, it doesn't hurt to have still another. What is puzzling is the final section on "new festivals" pegged on the creation and establishment of Israel. Since when do the British White Paper, elections in Israel, the assassination of Count Bernadotte belong in a volume of festivals? It all offers the author an excuse to discuss recent

extraordinary events in Israel, but it is an unfortunate addition, for some of the recent accomplishments should not be equated with the great Jewish festivals and sacred days.

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Another volume, brief but brilliant, is Martin Buber's "The Way of Man," which consists of six Hasidic tales, interpretations of them and the significance of some of the truly deep Hasidic teachings. Here is a paragraph from the volume, which is worth reprinting:

"Every person born into this world represents something new, something that never existed before, something original and unique. It is the duty of every person in Israel to know and consider that he is unique in the world in his particular character and that there has never been anyone like him in the world, for if there had been someone like him, there would have been no need for him to be in the world. Every single man is a new thing in the world, and is called upon to fulfill his particularity in this world."

And in illustration of this concept, Prof. Buber offers this tale of a Rabbi Zusya who said before his death: "In the world to come I shall not be asked 'why were you not Moses?' I shall be asked 'Why were you not Zusya?'"

DIGEST OF YIDDISH PRESS

ISRAEL IMPORTS GERMAN PREFABS AS DEBATE ON RELATIONS CONTINUES

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

For the past several years, while Jewish groups have been stormily debating the question of German-Israel relations, a steady stream of prefabricated houses has been moving from the port of Hamburg to the Jewish state, it is revealed for the first time by Marion Zhid, The Forward's enterprising German correspondent.

Prolonged and secret negotiations, involving the Jewish Agency (which favored the proposition); Benjamin Butterwieser, former assistant American occupation chief in Germany (who opposed it); Harry Greenstein, the last Jewish adviser to the American occupation forces (who favored it), and the IRSO (Jewish Restoration Successors Organization) preceded the enterprise. Approval had to be won from the German Government and the American government, as well as from the British and French occupation authorities.

Finally, the matter was concluded, whereby IRSO turns over

funds of heirless Nazi victims to German prefabricated manufacturers who make up the houses which are sent to Israel in the name of German Jewish immigrants.

What kind of houses is Israel getting? For the most part, discloses Zhid, the houses are "primitive": one-room and two-room jobs which provide little more than a roof over the heads of the dwellers. Better houses would be available if more money was.

Thus far, says Zhid, about 6000 German-made pre-fabs are providing some kind of crude shelter for homeless Israelis.

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The first Jewish community in the U. S. was founded by 23 Brazilian Jews who landed at New Amsterdam in 1654.

The first Jewish lawyer in the Western Hemisphere was Michael Cardoso.

No Need For Him To Wait To Become A Junkman

Congregation Honors One Of Its Youngest, Synagogue Youth Leader, As 'Good Jew'

By IRVING KARP

National Jewish Post Correspondent

BUFFALO, N. Y. (NJP)—Upsetting the custom that one must be old and honored by the general community before being honored as a Jew, a congregation here recently honored one of its own and youngest members—for being a good Jew.

The Conservative Temple Emanu-El intends to repeat its unique testimonial at least once annually, at Chanuka time.

Rabbi Nathan Kollin, Emanu-El's spiritual leader, had declared "It is high time we honor our members, not only as good citizens of the general civic community, but also as members of the religious community."

Taking the cue from the rabbi's remarks, the Temple Men's Club sought and found a Good Jew.

On Dec. 29, the Chanuka Sabbath, Sam Hyman, 24, was given his public recognition with an award of a Certificate of Merit and an inscribed set of Hertz' Pentateuch by the Men's Club.

Raymond Gerstman, president, said of the youth leader, "His interest in the welfare of the

I THINK AS I PLEASE

ISRAEL NEWS DOMINATES LIST OF 1951 'OUTSTANDING STORIES'

By CARL ALPERT

IT MAY be a couple of weeks late, but since the daily papers blossomed out with all those surveys of the outstanding events of 1951, I have been thinking about what might be listed as the ten outstanding news stories of Jewish interest during the calendar year just elapsed. Any such listing must be based on personal opinion and evaluation, but I doubt that many would disagree with my choice of the biggest Jewish news of the year. They might be rearranged in order of importance, but these easily seem to have topped all other events of significance, as seen in retrospect.



ALPERT

THE GREAT preponderance of stories dealing with Israel is the most striking feature of the list. Without minimizing in the least the vitality of Jewish life in America, it must be conceded that prime news events—perhaps fortunately—were scarce here this year. This is the 1951 list:

1. The launching of the \$500,000,000 Israel bond drive. By its very nature, as well as its magnitude, this is an historic event of major proportions which may influence the course of Jewish destiny. It is not "just another drive."

2. The fall of the Ben-Gurion Cabinet in February. The collapse of the Israel government on the immediate problem of religious education caused considerable anxiety in Jewish circles everywhere.

3. Intensification of austerity in Israel. The continued shortage of foods, the decline in the value of the Israel Pound, and the further tightening of Israel's economic belt was news of headline importance this past year.

4. Israel's elections on July 30. The news value was not only in the indication of democratic resilience, but even more in the dramatic emergence of the General Zionists as the second major party of the country. Many still believe that only their program can halt the continuing decline in Israel's economy.

5. The Exodus of Iraq's Jews. Last year the Yemen community was evacuated to Israel, and this year about 100,000 Jews from Iraq came "home." We are becoming accustomed to these mass migrations, but from the perspective of history they are of major import.

6. The MacIver Report. Many national Jewish organizations were deeply stirred by the recommendations of this report, and the repercussions will continue to echo into 1952.

7. Ben-Gurion's attack on American Zionists. The recent blast of Israel's Prime Minister must be viewed as but the latest of a series of such attacks. The attitude of American Jewry toward Israel is being profoundly affected by ill-tempered, reckless statements such as these.

8. The World Zionist Congress. Twenty years ago this event might have ranked first; in 1951 the Congress seemed to have lost much of its significance. In any event the proceedings were dispirited and the results somewhat less than striking.

9. Adenauer's offer of restitution. There was considerable suspicion in Jewish circles as to the genuineness of the contrition or the practical consequences to be expected, but the formal offer by the Chancellor of West Germany certainly merited and received attention this past year.

10. The incident with Syria at the Huleh Swamps. The flurry of military activity is almost forgotten now, but it was major news in 1951, and seemed at times almost ready to erupt into resumption of full scale war.

Strength Of Orthodoxy In Denmark Increases

COPENHAGEN, Denmark —

Orthodox Jewry gained three seats in the recent elections to the central representative body mainly of the old-established of Danish Jewry, bringing its Danish-Jewish families.

total to seven.

The 13 remaining seats on the body, elected by the 1,900 eligible to vote, were won by the Liberal Orthodox Jewry gained three seats in the recent elections to the central representative body mainly of the old-established of Danish Jewry, bringing its Danish-Jewish families.

Temple and his leadership qualities have rekindled an enthusiasm for the religious values in Jewish life in young and old in our Temple."

During his four years of service to the Temple, Hyman has been active in the United Synagogue Youth movement; as an organizer of youth activities; as editor of the Temple's publication, which has won two top national awards in synagogue journalism; as editor of the national magazine and newspaper-bulletin of the Young People's League and as national vice-president of the Y.P.L.

"His outstanding achievement," Gerstman declared, "has been his role in inspiring young people to attend services, to cooperate on Temple projects, to help develop a truly religious attitude toward the work of the Temple."

In presenting the Chanuka gift to Hyman, Rabbi Kollin said, "The Men's Club has written your name as the first on its Honor Roll of Good Jews. It is fitting that youth lead the way. It is our fervent hope that your exemplary conduct shall be followed by young and old alike and that we shall have no difficulty in finding an equal candidate for next year's Good Jew."

ISRAEL

REAL MEANING OF B. G.'S SPEECH: NO SPECIAL STATUS FOR ANY GROUP

By M. Z. FRANK

I WAS gratified to read in Haaretz this morning that at the UJA Conference in Atlantic City, Silver received a rousing ovation and delivered a great address, treating B.G.'s outbursts in a statesmanlike manner.

In commenting on the 23d Zionist Congress, I wrote in this space, while still in New York, that although Silver got his inevitable licking and Goldmann came out as the victor, Silver was still the dominant personality and Goldmann only a chairman whose victory was purely mechanical.

Incidentally, I also wrote then that it takes a great optimist not to see in the Congress the bankruptcy of the World Zionist Organization.

The one thing that B.G.'s outburst means for sure is that even if the Jewish Agency does get its status passed by the Knesset, it won't be worth much.

B.G. practically served notice that, as far as he is concerned, there will be no special status for the World Zionist Organization or the Jewish Agency, and no matter what learned statement Browdy issues against the American Jewish Committee and no matter what Louis Segal and Baruch Zuckerman says or what The Yiddisher Kempfer writes, the Prime Minister of Israel will not make Jacob Blaustein feel that before he can do anything for Israel, he must first clear it with Gottlieb Hammer. It is sheer nonsense.



FRANK

CONSIDER the granting of a special status to the Jewish Agency or the World Zionist Organization as harmful to the State of Israel on three important points:

One, as already hinted, such a status would dampen rather than increase the willingness of former non-Zionists to help Israel.

In view of the fact that the ideological differences between Zionists and non-Zionists no longer exist (the differences in the degree of emphasis) the status would give an artificial advantage to a group of people who somehow managed to round up a certain number of members in a Zionist Organization and speak in their names.

The members do not know much about the goings on in Israel, but in their name a small group would claim special privileges. Moreover, that group would make all sorts of alliances with groups in Israel to exert pressure on the Government in order to increase its power. In the normal course of events such things may be inevitable. But why should the Government of Israel make it easier for them by granting a legal status?

(I believe I covered point two in the previous paragraph.)

Three, and that is perhaps the most important point, in a young State such as Israel is, with an inexperienced citizenry and an inexperienced Government, with so much griping and ill temper, too many Israelis would be inclined to look for remedy to the Uncle in New York (or Cleveland, as the case may be) whenever they do not approve of their Government's policy.

What I am saying is not just theory. I have seen plenty of it in Israel. Education to good citizenship means that any citizen should seek to remedy what he considers wrong by his own efforts at home. Let him write to the press, vote against the party in power, stage demonstrations in front of the parliament, but let him not look for remedies abroad.

THERE are people in Israel who seem to think that there are five million Jews in America ready to step in and turn out their government and redress all their grievances.

It is a dangerous myth which impedes the healthy development of good democracy in Israel.

And, besides, it is a myth. Five million Jews in America don't give a damn about every bellyache any Israeli may have and are not ready to organize for such purposes.

The fact that the Jewish Agency Administration at the moment happens to be in favor of the Government, does not alter the basic facts. Why should B.G. or any other Prime Minister of Israel make himself dependent on Goldmann any more than on Silver?

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Gag On Invitation, Taken Seriously, Nets \$21,000 In Sale Of Israel Bonds

A GAG line attached to printed invitations to his New Year eve party, netted the sale of \$21,000 in Israel bonds by Sam Rothberg, of Peoria, Ill., whose exploits in fund-raising for the UJA and the sale of Israel bonds will one day make fabulous reading. Because a party at his home previously had been held to boost contributions to the UJA, Rothberg put the line, "No solicitation of funds. Admission by purchase of Israel bonds," on the invitation. Rothberg reported that until he began to get calls from his friends whom he'd invited, he didn't intend the gag seriously at all. But not one to overlook the opportunity to do a job for Israel, Rothberg kept a straight face, and tallied \$11,000 in cash purchases at the door, and an additional \$10,000 from one recalcitrant local leading light who wanted to be so sure that he attended the party that he made his purchase the preceding day.

'Voyage Of Discovery'

James N. Rosenberg, a leading non-Zionist who played a top role in rescuing Europe's Jews before and after World War II had a confession to make this week. Writing in the current issue of The Menorah Journal, Rosenberg told of his trip to Israel last year with his longtime friend James G. McDonald, the U. S. Ambassador to the new state. "Helping as I always tried to be in building a sound Jewish life in Palestine, I had never considered that tiny country, pawn of dynastic, nationalist and imperialist designs, an answer to the problem." But, wrote the Jewish leader, now turned artist of note, in describing four of his paintings conceived on the trip to Israel: "It was a revealing voyage of discovery . . . I discovered majestic desolate mountains being reforested; a coastal plain yielding fruits of earth when water is given it; humming, overcrowded cities; countless little homes springing like magic from the soil; a sound dynamic, hard-working, indomitably courageous people; an ardent, sometimes belligerent demand for that individual freedom which spells democracy; above all, a heaven for the oppressed—for which I had searched most of my life. To me it was that long search's end."

Making The Grade

SIDNEY COHEN, 83, who has never missed a day of work except for Jewish holidays, has been named to his 50th consecutive term on the Lawrence, Mass., city council . . . Kay Joan Glickman, Maplewood, N. J., was elected Interfraternity queen at the University of Chi-

Brandeis Cagers Lose To Wayne U., 79-58

WALTHAM, Mass. (NJP) — Wayne University's basketball team invaded Brandeis home territory Saturday night and scalped the Judges, 79-58.

The visitors overcame an early Brandeis 10-1 lead to pull ahead at the half, 40-35.

Leading Wayne's onslaught was a juggernaut consisting of Johnny Kline, Ernie Wagner and Charley Primas, who rolled up 66 points.

High scorers for Brandeis were Babe Yoselevitz, with 12 points, and Ernie Helmrich with 11.

The Judges now have a 3 won-5 lost record, with 13 games yet to be played on this season's schedule.

cago . . . Ruben Wallenrod, noted Hebraist, has been named associate professor of Hebrew at Brooklyn College in N. Y. . . . Barnett Avratin was elected to his 35th term as president of the Everett, Mass., Congregation Tifereth Israel . . . Oliver, son of the late Israel Zangwill, has been appointed professor of experimental psychology at Cambridge University in England . . . Dr. Elias Elvove, who has been with the U. S. Public Health Service since 1907, was given an Award for Superior Service by the Federal Security Agency for his contribution in chemical and dental research.

Never Lost A Passenger

AN IRONIC postscript to the recent news story about an El Al (Israeli) airplane which crashed in Switzerland, killing its entire six-man crew, was reported by Lawrence Resner, author of "Eternal Stranger," in the Jewish Community Bulletin of San Francisco. During his travels in the Middle East, Resner became friendly with the men who flew the famed "Magic Carpet" airlift, which evacuated hundreds of thousands of Jews from Arab countries to Israel. One, a young Texan, was known throughout Israel as "Mr. Magic Carpet." He had personally flown tens of thousands of evacuees. He told Resner that as long as he flew a plane carrying Jews into the Promised Land, he would never lose a ship or a passenger. The pilot of the El Al ship which crashed was Mr. Magic Carpet himself; the plane's cargo — not evacuees, but a shipment of products.

With The Rabbis

DR. LOUIS Wolsey, formerly of the Euclid Avenue Temple, Cleveland, and Congregation Rodeph Shalom, Philadelphia, was honored this week by the latter congregation on his 75th birthday . . . Rabbi Max Shapiro has been elected president of the Greater Miami Rabbinical Association . . . Rabbi Jacob Hurwitz has been elected president of the Binghamton, N. Y., Ministerial Association.

Rabbi Abba M. Feinberg, formerly of Temple B'nai Israel, Natchez, Miss., is new spiritual leader at the South Street Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska, the pulpit formerly occupied by Rabbi Samuel Halevi Baron, who resigned last August to become Co-Chairman of the Committee on Religious and Synagogue Programs of the American Council for Judaism . . . Rabbi and Mrs. Emanuel Holzer, N. Y., announce the birth of a son . . . Rabbi and Mrs. Herman Kieval, Pittsburgh, Pa., announce the birth of a son, Shalom Joshua . . . Rabbi and Mrs. Ezra Lifshitz, Nyack, N. Y., announce the birth of a daughter, Marsha Lee . . . Rabbi Simon Eckstein has resigned from his pulpit at Temple Tiferet Israel, Winthrop, Mass., to become spiritual leader of the Va'ad Ha-ir (city Jewish council), Ottawa, Canada.

The entire congregation turned out for Friday evening services at Temple Sinai, Oakland, Cal., last week. The occasion was to honor Rabbi and Mrs. William Stern on their 25th wedding anniversary, Mrs. Stern's birthday and Rabbi Stern's 30th year in the rabbinate. The attendance was characterized by Lionel Benas, president of the congregation and master of ceremonies, as the "biggest since Yom Kippur."



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Repair Flood Damage

Residents of an immigrant camp hit by the worst storm in Israel in 26 years, attempt to divert the course of flood waters which washed out roads, weakened buildings and submerged bridges. The rains, which lasted 11 days, caused nearly \$9,000,000 worth of damage.

Orthodox Leader Scores Reform For Designating Self "American"

BALTIMORE, Md. (NJP)—The fashion of Reform Jews to refer to themselves as "American" Jews and to their movement as "American Judaism," was denounced this week by a leading Orthodox rabbi, as divisive and aiming to "disparage."

Rabbi Uri Miller of the Beth Jacob Congregation here said "It is obvious that such designations carry with them the implication

that an Orthodox Jew is un-American and his house of worship is not American."

He referred to a recent visit to Baltimore of Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), Reform rabbinical seminary. A local newspaper had quoted Dr. Glueck as describing himself as "an American Jew sitting in an American house of worship."

Rabbi Miller charged, "Reform has for many years sought to give this impression."

But, he said, "They would undoubtedly deny this, for not only is it unfair, but it is obviously contrary to the best public rela-

tions policy.

REFORM WOULD SUFFER TOO

"If the American people were to accept the Orthodox Jew as un-American, it is quite likely that Reform Jews would suffer also."

He took further exception to the designation "American house of worship" as having a separatist connotation.

"In our house of worship, it would seem to me, every Jew is welcome, be he American or otherwise."

JEWISH TRADITION OLDER
"In our house of worship, we are the heirs of a tradition that is far older than America and that is based on eternal values that need not be limited to the American scene."

The only possible result from the use of such a designation, declared Rabbi Miller, "can be to disparage the Houses of Worship of other groups in Judaism." "And that is considered poor taste when it comes from Orthodox leadership."

'NO WAR WITH ISRAEL,' ARAB LEADER SAYS

PARIS—A high Arab official last week predicted lasting peace between the Jews and Arabs, according to The Jerusalem Post.

Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, said that neither the Arabs nor the Jews have any intention of renewing their war.

The Arabs have no inclination whatever to violate the armistice agreement with Israel, he is reported to have declared, and there was no fear that fresh hostilities would break out.

At the same time, The Post reported, Azzam said that the real fight in the Middle East was between the Arab League, or Moslem ideology, and the Russian or Communist ideology.

But, he added, the actual enemy of the moment is General Sir John Erskine, British commander in the Suez Canal Zone.

Azzam called the British fools for wanting to remain in the Canal Zone.

"They are fools," he said, "for fighting a nation of 20 million people determined to put them out."

POLICE SEAL OFF KNESSET IN RIOTS OVER REPARATIONS

JERUSALEM (NJP)—Following riots during which hundreds of demonstrators marched before the government building in protest against the government's request from Knesset for authorization to enter into direct negotiations with Western Germany for \$1,500,000,000 in reparations, the Knesset building has been sealed off with barbed wire and a 300-man police detachment.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Ben-Gurion told a nationwide audience "The sovereignty of the Knesset, the existence of our democracy, the freedom of decision by majority vote and the preservation of law, security and peace will be protected."

HOPE ARMISTICE WILL BE SIGNED BY THEN, BUT . . .

J.W.B. Not Taking Any Chances, Begins 'Operation Passover' For 1952

NEW YORK (NJP)—The far-flung operations necessary to assure the proper celebration of Passover by Jewish GIs in Korea, were initiated here this week, in face of the hope that an armistice agreement will have been signed by then.

Not taking any chances, the National Jewish Welfare Board, which has successfully managed an "Operation Passover" for thirty-four years now, has begun shipping Passover food to the Far East, as well as to Panama, Guam, the Philippines, Hawaii, Germany, Alaska and to bases in Continental U.S.

In Pusan and Taegu, in Yokohama and Kyushu (or for that matter anywhere in the world where American boys are stationed), the Jewish GI will put his legs under the festively decorated tables groaning with heaping portions of chicken and beef, gefilte fish garnished with horseradish and piping hot matzo ball soup (almost like mother's). And, to top it off, there will be the cake, nuts, raisins and all the

sundry goodies and trimmings.

In military chapels, in hospitals, in mess halls, in tents—on warships riding Korean and Japanese waters, on ships at sea, Jewish GIs will mark the Festival of Freedom.

At front line stations, or at isolated posts anywhere, even where a Jewish chaplain may not be present, the GI will be acutely conscious that he is not forgotten.

For, opening his Passover food box, he will discover, in addition to a Haggadah, all the ingredients for his private seder—chicken, gefilte fish and even a chocolate bar, nuts and dried fruits. Each package will contain a greeting from the JWB committee in the states that helped to fill the package.

Christian chaplains at ports and supply depots will lend a willing hand in expediting supplies. The Army, Navy and Air Force will speed the Passover bounty to all corners of the globe. Days before the seders, GIs, mess sergeants and Army cooks will be pitching in to help make the seders memorable events.

Deadline of Ultimatum Nears

Mass Sermons For Kashruth At Long Island Hospital Planned

NEW YORK (NJP)—The Rabbinical Committee for Kashruth at the Long Island Jewish Hospital told The Post this week that it had not yet received an answer to an ultimatum sent to hospital officials and was planning specific public action.

Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, chairman, announced that a Friday night in February would be set aside for a Long Island-wide sermon against the policies of the Federation of Jewish Phil-

anthropies of Greater New York, of which the hospital is a member.

"At that time Rabbis throughout Long Island simultaneously will deliver sermons on the issue of kashruth at the Long Island hospital and will discuss Federation's role in the hospital board's plan to serve non-kosher as well as kosher food at the institution."

"In the past we have had Federation Sabbaths devoted to helping Federation's fund raising campaigns. Now we will have our own kind of Federation Sabbath. It will be devoted to getting the issue before the public."

Revealing that a site had been found for a mass rally if it is necessary, Rabbi Kirshblum said that Federation and hospital officials could forestall such action by replying favorably to the ultimatum demanding kashruth.

The demands of the committee were sent to members of the hospital board and also to Federation. The deadline for an answer was set at February 1.

"If we get a favorable reply," Rabbi Kirshblum said, "we are prepared to turn these Friday night sermons into a united effort to help Federation with its campaign. If not, we stand ready to carry our fight for kashruth to the public."

Agrees With Abbell On Non-Jewish Speakers

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

It was very interesting to read Maxwell Abbell's letter about Jewish institutions who get Gentile speakers for their affairs. I agree with him.

There is one thing, however, I was disappointed about.

He completely forgot that a little over a year ago he was the guest of honor at the Purim Affair of the local Jewish National Fund, at which time the featured speaker was a non-Jew.

MELVIN SIEGEL
Chicago, Ill.

Peter M. Kahn, chairman of the Board of Governors of the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, died this week at 73.



NEW UNIONS ELECTED IN NEWARK AGENCIES

By DAVID B. SKY

National Jewish Post Correspondent

NEWARK, N. J. (NJP)—In the election held Friday, Jan. 4, as part of the settlement of the strike by employees of the agencies affiliated with the Jewish Community Council of Essex County (NJP, Nov. 2, 1951, Jan. 4, 1952), the newly formed Independent Social Service Workers Union was chosen as bargaining agent in five of the Council's eight agencies.

In the other three agencies, the Government and Civic Employees' Union, Local 1681, CIO, won the election.

The ISSWU won in the following agencies by these votes: Jewish Community Center (YMHA) 34-27; Jewish Family Service Association, 14-1; Jewish Vocational Service, 3-1; Jewish Education Association, 2-1 and the Bureau of Service to the Foreign Born, 2-1.

The CIO union was successful in the Jewish Community Council, 15-8; Jewish Child Care Association, 12-11 and The Jewish News, 2-1.

The total vote was 75 for the ISSWU and 60 for the CIO. By prior agreement, however, the final decision was made on an agency-by-agency basis.

The election was conducted by the Honest Ballot Association.

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